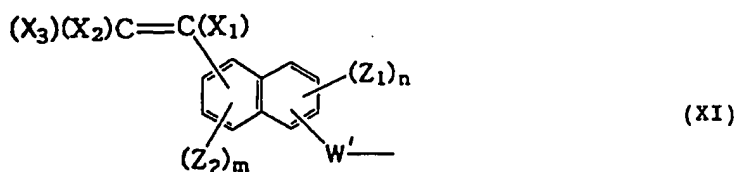
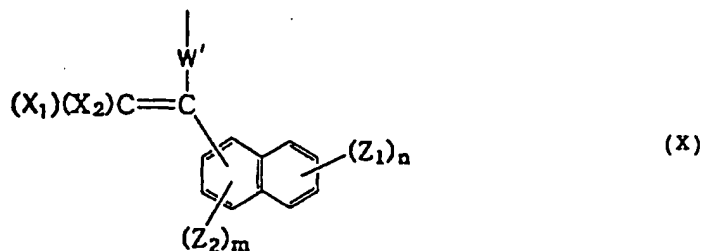


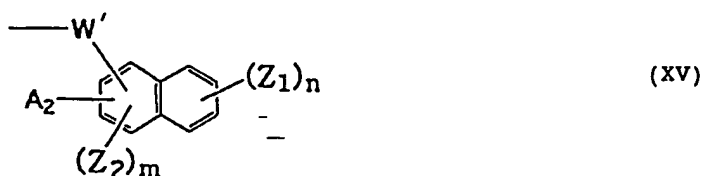
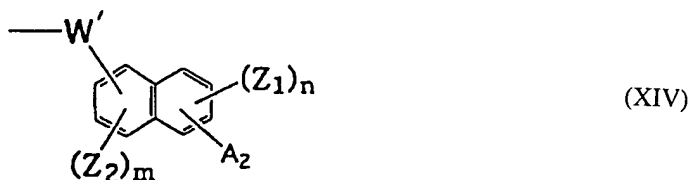
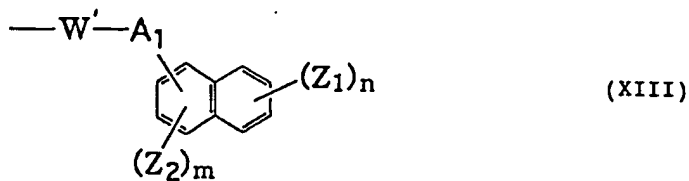
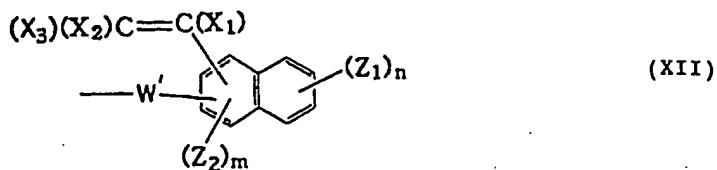
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12. (Three Times Amended) A bottom anti-reflective coating material composition comprising a polymer light absorbent having at least one group represented by the following formula (X), (XI), (XII), (XIII), (XIV) or (XV) on the side chain and

a thermal cross-linking agent:



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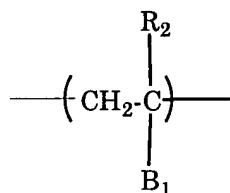


wherein W' represents a divalent linking group, X₁ to X₃, which may be the same or different, each represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group or -(X₄)_p-R wherein R represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, an aryl group having from 6 to 20 carbon atoms or an aralkyl group having from 7 to

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20 carbon atoms, which may have a substituent, X_4 represents a single bond, $-CO_2-$, $-CONH-$, $-O-$, $-CO-$, an alkylene group having from 2 to 4 carbon atoms or $-SO_2-$, p represents an integer of from 1 to 10, Z_1 and Z_2 , which may be the same or different, each represents an electron donating group, m and n represent an integer of from 0 to 2 and from 0 to 3, respectively, and when m is 2 or m and n each is 2 or 3, the Z_1 groups or the Z_2 groups may be the same or different, A_1 represents a divalent aromatic ring or heteroaromatic ring group having from 5 to 14 carbon atoms, which may have a substituent, and A_2 represents an aromatic ring or heteroaromatic ring group having from 5 to 14 carbon atoms, which may have a substituent.

18 (Amended). A bottom anti-reflective coating material composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein said polymer light absorbent contains from 2 to 50 wt% of the repeating structural unit represented by the following formula (XXVII):



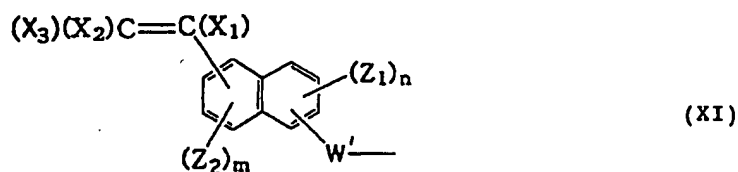
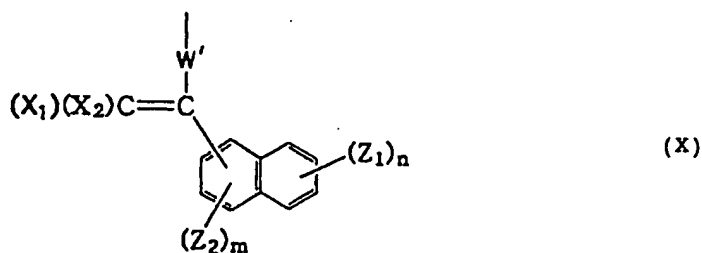
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wherein R_2 represents a hydrogen atom, a methyl group, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom or a cyano group, and B_1 represents a group containing $-CH_2OH$, $-CH_2OR^7$ or

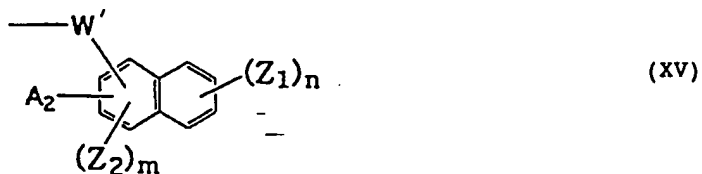
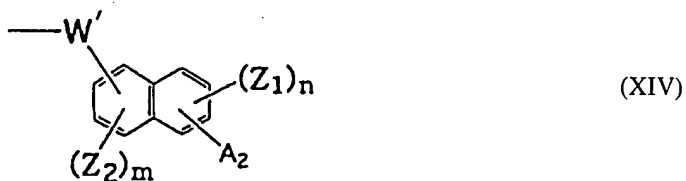
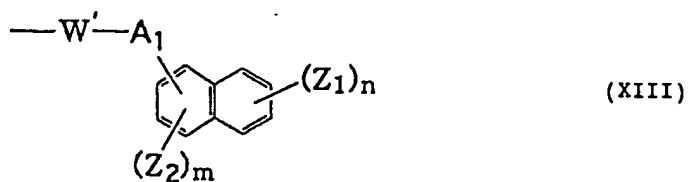
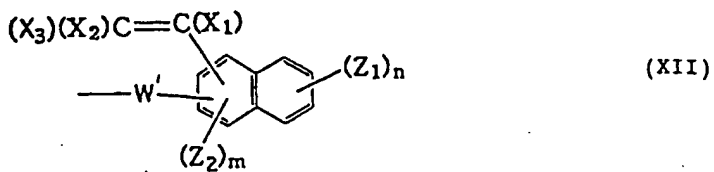
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-CH₂OCOCH₃ at the terminal wherein R⁷ represents a hydrocarbon group having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms.

19 (Three Times Amended). A bottom anti-reflective coating material composition comprising a polymer light absorbent having at least one group represented by the following formula (X), (XI), (XII), (XIII), (XIV) or (XV) on the side chain:



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and having from 2 to 50 wt% of a repeating structural unit represented by formula (XXVII):



where R_2 represents a hydrogen atom, a methyl group, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom or a cyano group, and B_1 represents $-CONHCH_2OH$, $-CONHCH_2OCH_3$, $-CH_2OCOCH_3$, $-C_6H_3(OH)CH_2OH$, $-C_6H_3(OH)CH_2OCH_3$ or a group obtained by reaction of a group represented by $-CONHC(CH_3)_2CH_2COCH_3$ with formalin.